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Pursuant to 37 CFR §§ 1.97 and 1.98, applicant respectfully requests that the document listed on the attached form PTO-1449, be made of record and considered in connection with the examination of this application.

The documents submitted herewith were cited in a Search Report (copy enclosed) issued in a European application corresponding to the above-referenced application.

German Publication DE 197 24 323 A1, which is cited in the  
European Search Report, is already of record in this application.

U.S. Patents RE 36,610; 5,720, 174; and 6,679,677 correspond to  
European Publications EP 0 397 051, EP 0 767 307, and EP 1 231 383.

A check in the amount of \$180 for covering the fee under  
37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) is enclosed herewith.

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